

[3 August, 2001]

RAJYA SABHA

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The retention prices were revised wherever it was within the approved policy and parameters. The latest notified retention prices, as on 31.7.2001, of the various units of National Fertilizers Ltd. have been indicated in part (a) above.

Treatment for Victims of Bhopal Gas Tragedy

†1413. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any arrangements for monitoring at the Central level have been made for the gas victims who are still wandering for proper treatment even after the 16 years of Bhopal Gas Tragedy;

(b) whether his Ministry has made any arrangements for simplifying the cumbersome technical process of treatment;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government are considering any proposal in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (d) The Central Government had, earlier, approved five year Action Plan with an outlay of Rs. 258 crore for the medical, social, economic and environmental rehabilitation of Bhopal Gas victims. Out of this amount, Rs. 150.35 crore were earmarked for medical rehabilitation of the gas victims with a focus on establishing new hospitals/dispensaries and augmenting existing facilities. This programme has been implemented by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh. In addition, Bhopal Memorial Hospital Trust (BMHT) has constructed a speciality hospital for the gas victims. The day-to-day administration of these hospitals are with the State Government and BMHT as the case may be. The Central Government is not interfering in their day-to-day administrative matters. It has also no proposal to monitor the functioning of these hospitals.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.